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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 1918.

**OREGON WEATHER**  
 Fair, cooler tonight, with light frosts.

**THURSDAY**  
 ONE MEAL WHEATLESS  
 USE NO MEAL CRACKERS, BREAD OR BREAKFAST FOODS CONTAINING WHEAT

**GERMANY AND KINGS**  
 Nearly four years of it already, with millions of casualties, and still the manhood of the German nation pours out its blood like water. The losses in the past month during the present German offensive have been appalling, but the kaiser and Hindenburg and Ludendorff continue to send their men into the shambles. A recent order by Ludendorff, however, shows that the Germans realize now that the heavy, massed formations are little more than bales of cannon and rifle fodder, and has instructed the use of more open formation.  
 In this last great battle Germany has shed a sea of blood—and shed it, apparently, with as much willingness as the first red drops spilt in the exultation of the 1914 campaign.  
 The men fallen in this greatest of battles have been animated, no doubt, to a large extent by the thought of peace. They were led to believe that it would be the last effort, leading to victory. But that alone would not account for the fervor with which they threw themselves, in dense masses, against the devastating guns of the allies. It was the old war fever of a martial nation, whose dominant ideal is that of war. And it made the menace clearer than ever to all the rest of the world.  
 There is a striking passage, of the same tenor, in James W. Gerard's "Face to Face with the Kaiser" written before this campaign began. Pointing out the essentially militaristic, warlike nature of the German race, he says:  
 "If the Prussian people themselves cling to their gods of war; if the kaiser and crown prince fulfill their ideals; if the Prussian leaves the reins in the hands of these warlike taskmasters and refuses to join the other peoples in stamping out the devil of war, then the conflict must go on—go on until the Germans get their stomachs full of war, until they forget their easy victories of the last century, until their leaders learn that war as a national industry does not pay, until their wealth and their trade have disappeared, until their sons are maimed and killed and their land waste, until the blinders fall

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from their eyes and they sicken of emperor and crown prince, of the almost countless kings and grand dukes and princes, generals and admirals, court marshals and chamberlains and majors and adjutants, captains and lieutenants, who now, like fat, green, distended flies feed on the blood of Germany."  
 It is hardly necessary to explain, in America, that there is no advantage in offensive war for anybody except those "men of froth at the top," and that, as Mr. Gerard says, "it is this infernal king business that is responsible."  
 The whole nation is guilty, and still persists in its evil course. But if it were not for warlike rulers, Germany would not have remained warlike. It is kings and kaisers, wielding inherited power, and ambitious to maintain the martial traditions of their ancestors, who prevent the naturally sane, kindly hearts of their people and keep the masses from rising out of the brutal warlust into the light of genuine civilization.  
 If only those royal and imperial gentry could be placed in the front line trenches and mowed down by machine guns, as the men who die for them are mowed down! But they play safe. And so the rank and file, and plain Germans, must be slaughtered and slaughtered until the lesson sinks home to the heart of the chastened nation, and by much blood letting Germany is freed from the incubus of kings, and democracy elsewhere can live without fear.  
 People who continue to inquire why, when corn is so much more plentiful than wheat, we cannot ship corn to Europe. The principal reason, as explained by the food administration, is a simple one—the corn germinates and spoils on an ocean voyage, and the wheat doesn't.

British casualties were consequently increased. Although the desperate fighting in the breakwater resulted in severe casualties, the losses in the desperate exploit of sinking our ships in the entrance of the canal were very light, owing to the skill with which the relief ships were worked."

London, Apr. 24.—In the British attack on the Belgian coast, according to reports from the frontier transmitted by the Rotterdam correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, several German batteries at Ostend and Zeebrugge were silenced by the bombardment from the sea. There also was much aerial fighting. The attack began at midnight, the report says and until 2 o'clock in the morning the German batteries fired continuously.

**NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP**  
 The partnership heretofore existing between G. H. Carner, Ed. H. Allen and H. L. Stonaker, doing business under the name of Grants Pass Lumber Company, is this day dissolved by mutual consent, Mr. Ed. H. Allen retiring from the firm. Hereafter the business will be conducted by G. H. Carner and H. L. Stonaker under the name of Grants Pass Lumber Company, who will repay all debts of the company. Signed, G. H. CARNER, ED. H. ALLEN, H. L. STONAKER, Grants Pass, Oregon, April 23, 1918.

**COUNTY TREASURER'S CALL FOR GENERAL WARRANTS**  
 All Josephine county general warrants issued prior to September 1st, 1912, and protested prior to that date, are hereby called in, and are payable at the county treasurer's office on or after the 25th day of April, 1918, on which date interest will cease.  
 GEO. S. CALHOUN, County Treasurer.

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